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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2629

Application No.: 10/619,079

Examiner: S. HOLTON

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Docket No.: 116605

For: MATERIAL PRESENTATION DEVICE

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants' representative conducted a personal interview with Examiner S. Holton and his Supervisor on July 11, 2006. Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by the Examiners during the personal interview. Applicants' separate record of a summary of substance of interview is contained in the following remarks.

Applicants' representative reviewed with the Examiners Applicants' Amendment After Final Rejection (AAFR), filed on June 28, 2006 in reply to the March 28, 2006 Office Action. Specifically, Applicants' representative reviewed the amendments to the pending claims made to overcome the objections to those claims enumerated in the Office Action.

Applicants' representative presented arguments traversing the prior art rejections of the Office Action as were enumerated in the June 28 AAFR. Specifically, Applicants' representative argued that the inclusion of an optical filter that is removably provided in the photographing section enables the photographing section to photograph both the material mounted on the material mounting surface and alternatively the reference points indicated by

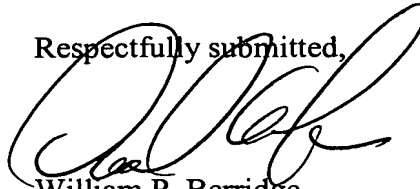
the pointing mark. The applied prior art references teach separate detecting methodologies. The Examiners indicated that they felt that the claim language was broad enough that the combination of the applied prior art references could reasonably be read to at least suggest such a feature. Applicants' representative strongly traversed the Examiners' conclusions in this regard. This issue was left unresolved. The Examiners agreed to carefully review this argument when reviewing Applicants' response.

Additionally, Applicants' representative argued that the touch-screen of U.S. Patent No. 5,790,144 to Geaghan et al. (hereinafter "Geaghan") could not reasonably be considered to teach, or to have suggested a feature wherein when the user sets two arbitrary reference points by using the pointing mark on the material mounting surface, the photographing section photographs the two reference points, and coordinates on the virtual screen are generated. Applicants' representative indicated that the optical methodology which is the subject matter of the pending claims differs from a touch-screen methodology disclosed in Geaghan. The Examiners countered Applicants' representative's arguments by indicating that it is well known in the art that touch-screen and optical coordinate measuring methodologies are interchangeable.

Applicants' representative strongly traversed this assertion indicating that (1) the Office Action did not even address the specific features recited in the pending claims but rather indicated that Tang and Geaghan could be combined to produce a "touch-based input system" for defining a virtual screen; and (2) if there, in fact, is objective evidence to support the Examiners' assertion it is not presented in the Office Action. The Examiners conceded that the Office Action in this regard may be incomplete. As such, for at least this reason, the Examiners agreed that Applicants' June 28 AAFR would be entered, and the claim amendments and arguments presented therein would be considered, particularly in light of the discussion undertaken during the personal interview.

Should any questions arise regarding this communication, all inquiries may be directed to Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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